

## A NEW WAY FORWARD

Update Regarding the 2021-22 School Year

Jefferson County Board of Education January 11, 2022

### **Guiding Principles**



#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

We commit to doing everything possible to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and community. Every decision we make will be in accordance with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Kentucky Department for Public Health, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness (LMDPHW), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for reopening schools.



#### **HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTION**

We commit to providing our students with high-quality instruction across all platforms in order to ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn and grow.



#### **FLEXIBILITY**

We commit to remaining flexible in these highly uncertain times. We will be ready to adapt to new public health circumstances in accordance with expert guidance in order to safeguard our students, staff, and community.

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#### **EQUITY**

We commit to fostering an environment that supports the physical, emotional and social health of our students, with a focus on removing barriers and building a system that equips all students with the tools to be successful.



#### **ACCURATE AND TIMELY COMMUNICATION**

We commit to ensuring that students, employees, and families have the information they need to remain safe, and we will keep all stakeholders up to date with important information throughout the school year.



#### **COMMUNITY TRUST**

We commit to building community trust through our actions. Every decision will be made with all stakeholders in mind and will be guided by students, employees, families, and experts.

- Mask mandate inside buildings and on buses
- Masks available for employees and students who need them-delivered KN-95 masks to school for employees and these continue to be available
- **Voluntary testing** available weekly in schools/worksites
- **Drive-through testing** available in over 50 sites after school
- Vaccine or testing mandate for employees
  - Test to Stay program for those exposed to allow them to test and then return with a negative test
  - Test to Play program for extracurricular activity participants

## Mitigation Measures

**Questions?** Employees should talk to Principal or Assistant Superintendent.

In light of recent changes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's isolation and quarantine procedures, the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) has revised its recommendations for K-12 school operations and test-to-stay for Kentucky schools. These documents will be released later today . . .

From KDE Commissioner's Monday Message

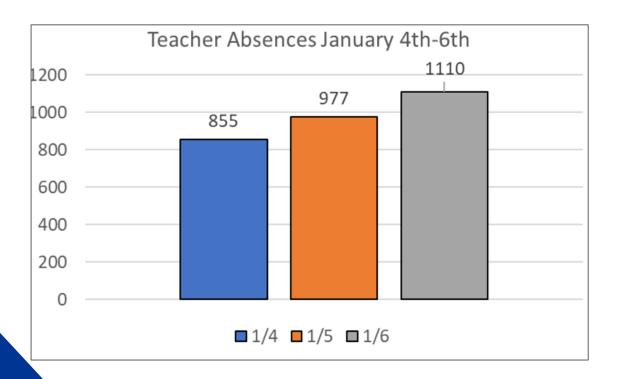
January 10, 2022

## **KDPH Guidance**

### Non-Traditional Instruction Days:

- Provided 10 by State Legislature for when a district must close for health or safety reasons
- Using four days this week, we will have six left
- According to state law, teachers must work from the school building unless they are isolated or quarantined

**NTI Days** 



**Staffing** 

- Session January 4-April 15 (60 legislative meeting days)
- Committee Meetings:
  - House Education Committees: Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m.
  - House Budget Subcommittee on K-12 Ed: Tuesdays, Noon
  - Senate Education Committee: Thursdays 11:30 a.m.

# Legislative Update

- State Redistricting: Effects on Board of Education Districts
- SB 25: COVID-19 Flexibility
- SB 1: SBDM Responsibilities
- State Budget

## FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS